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To the Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

The following additional prior art references are believed to be generally relevant to the subject matter of the pending application. Copies of the cited references are enclosed.

- U.S. Patent No. 4,741,042 to Throop et al. issued April 26, 1988; and 1.
- U.S. Patent No. 5,703,784 to Pearson issued December 30, 1997. 2.

Also enclosed is a Form PTO-1449 listing these references.

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